

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2023
POMPTON LAKES OPEN SPACE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Member	Present	Excused
Mayor, Mike Serra	X	
Council President, Jennifer Polidori	X	
Councilwoman, Maria Kent		X
Zoning Board - Jared Luciani	X	
Shade Tree - Randy Hinton	X	
Recreation - Karen Murphy	X	
Environmental Protection Committee – Michael Meeker	X	
Flood Advisory Board - Julie Doncoes	X	
Planning Board - Mike Simone		X
District 1 – Jason Lovasi	X	
District 2 – Michael Fasouletos	X	
District 3 – Mike Riga		X
District 4 – Tim Troast	X	
District 5 – Dawn Zanetti	X	
District 6 – Lloyd Kent		X
Secretary – Bernadette Chillemi	X	
Alternates: Mike Barbera		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve February 9, 2023 minutes:

Motion: Dawn Zanetti
Second: Michael Fasouletos

BUDGET: \$466,899¹ minus costs of benches at Hershfield to be put back in (not accurate needs to be adjusted)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Joe Grill/Willow Field.

Engineers got back to Mayor Serra today. Increased the project from \$490,000 to \$500,000. Borough Administrator advised that there is enough funding to cover the costs of the engineers. Mayor Serra advised that the project could get underway in the fall of 2023. Tim Troast asked how the money will be disbursed from which accounts. Council President Polidori asked for updated plans, numbers, etc. and when did council vote? Mayor Serra replied that plans, etc., will be shared over the next six

¹ \$18,000 balance as to Willow Field; \$50,000 earmarked for Carlough Field; and \$164,000 earmarked for Hershfield

(6) months. Jared Luciani asked about the plan/concept. Mayor Serra advised that the plan is to move the t-ball fields to back parking lot. Replanting with trees, exercise walk path and possible playground. Also discussed changing the parking to restrict traffic past the snack stand. Council President Polidori questioned building a playground in a flood zone. Randy Hinton asked if the project will be using the same money from Open Space. Borough Administrator Paula Cozzarelli advised Mayor Serra that there is \$435,000 in State Grant for local recreation improvement. Jared Luciani voiced concerns as to sharing fields with Riverdale. The committee asked if we received DEP approval and Mayor Serra responded that we have verbal approval but not yet in writing.

2. Purchase of Heimall Property.

Borough desires to purchase the Heimall property (the "Property") for access to the river for river maintenance, etc. The committee discussed parking at Wilderness Park. The curb would need to be cut in order to provide for parking. Randy Hinton advised that the river appears to be stagnant due - possibly clogged at the Pequannock side. Randy Hinton also advised that he added six (6) goose eggs this year.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES:

1. Hershfield Park

As previously discussed, the bathrooms and storage shed are to be completed in Phase I. Paula Cozzarelli suggested using OS funds and to think about putting money towards project. Michael Sciacchitano asked if the porta john could be moved outside of camp area. The committee discussed no voting until we get numbers of costs. Jared Luciani asked if the score board is working at varsity baseball field; Michael Sciacchitano confirmed it is working. Karen Murphy asked if the basketball court could be resealed or relined; Mayor Serra advised that Paula Cozzarelli will look into it. Mike Meeker suggest a coating on top of basketball courts. Karen Murphy updated the Committee with the numbers of pickleball attendees at 35. She asked about the timeline of the lining of the pickleball courts.

2. Carlough Field

Jared Luciani updated the Committed that he is still waiting on final figures. New roof to be installed on the field house, a new press box with a new ladder. Engineering plans is estimated at \$4,000. Roof is estimated at \$12,000. PLYO funds will be utilized to redo inside of field house and update bathrooms.

3. Lakeside Park

The water lines are cut in half and would like to get the spicket installed at the docks; Mayor Serra to follow up with DPW. Council President Polidori advised that she discussed the parking at Lakeside with the engineer. The grant is not an option and will need to go to bond per Borough Administrator. Council President, Polidori suggested to install a new roof on the Gazebo. Dan O'Rourke

recommended to replace the whole gazebo – see what a new replacement costs. Randy Hinton advised that the siding on the garage is bad as well. Randy Hinton advised that the Shade Tree Commission pruned the trees. Councilwoman Kent and Council President Polidori advised that they are working on an ordinance to require out of towners to apply for a permit, including tournament fees and per boat fee. Dan O'Rourke will be putting the dock in next week.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Motion to open meeting to public: Mike Serra
Second: Jennifer Polidori

Michael Sciacchetano in attendance.

Motion to close the meeting to public discussion: Mike Serra
Second: Jennifer Polidori

Motion to adjourn meeting:

Motion: Mike Serra
Second: Mike Fasouletos

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Bernadette Chillemi

Bernadette Chillemi, Secretary